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News for the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park Neighbourhoods

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## **President's Report**

 Jon Naylor, VVCA President president@vvcasaskatoon.com

VARSITY VIEW-GROSVENOR is one of the more active and successful community associations in our City and it is all thanks to our volunteers. I would like to single out a few of the more notable events for our community and thank all who volunteer for the Varsity View-Grosvenor Communities.

As ever, Barb is the mainstay of indoor programming, but there are many others that make important contributions by helping with registration or being wonderful instructors. This year's highlights have been Badminton and Tae Kwon Do. Other programs include children's soccer, conversational Spanish, Yoga, Art, knitting, self defense, and fitness classes. A big thank you to Barb and all who volunteer with our indoor program. It helps keep our community mentally and physically healthy. A full list of our winter offerings can be found on the back page of this issue.

This year's major outdoor effort was the rink. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Kenton, Gregg and many others our rink was used for kids' hockey, friendly games of shinny, and community skating. I encourage you all to use the rink (at your own risk) this winter (public skating is Saturday 12 to noon and Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 8 pm). You are also welcome to use the rink anytime it is not otherwise occupied. We are partnering with the City to lay cross country ski trails around President's Murray and Grosvenor parks which is another opportunity to enjoy our outdoor spaces.

Volunteers help our community spaces in several ways. As usual we had a successful Spring Clean-up. With the City's help we hauled away several tons of garbage. Many long-term residents along with enthusiastic new volunteers like Freddy helped in this effort. We actually moved more garbage than any other group on our particular weekend. I take this as a tribute to our volunteers, not the slovenliness of our back alleys! Either way, our community is cleaner and safer as a result. A big thank you to all!

This year one of Varsity View Community Association's major impacts is in park improvements. We have successfully completed two projects; the Brunskill School playground upgrade and the Raoul Wallenberg reflexology installation.

• Anu and Maya, very active advocates on the Brunskill School parent association spearheaded the school playground upgrade.

Your VV Community Association gave considerable financial help including the first and last donations that enabled the start and completion of this wonderful project. Our new play structure is lots of fun and safer than our previous wooden structure. Thank you to all who contributed with money, time and effort so that all our children can enjoy our enhanced new play area.

• The Raoul Wallenberg reflexology addition has been on VVCA's agenda for years. Two Marks and the City have been instrumental in seeing it to completion. I thank Mark Prebble for the idea and for useful design concepts gathered from around the world. We owe a particular big thanks to Mark Bobyn of Design Build MB Inc. who stepped in and built the installation after all others thought it was impossible to build it with anything close to our budget. It turns

out that those who wanted a lot more money than we had were correct, the true cost of the installation



is around \$36,000. Mark Bobyn very graciously donated his professional services and another donation bought our deficit down to \$3000 which we are going to fund raise with the help of our Spring social. You can see photos of the installation, including the painstaking stone and pebble work, elsewhere in this issue. A big thank you to the two Marks, the City and Congregation Agudas Israel, our partners in this project!

Civics has been a very big item for your association this year. I am going to talk more about the dreaded Highrise application later in this issue. I would like to particularly thank Holly Ann, Allan, Rob and Luke for all their help with our Civics comittee.

I have saved four big things for last.

- Firstly, I want to thank Katie and Annika. Katie was our very able newsletter editor and Annika is our President-elect. Both are cutting back on their time with the association slightly, in part because of promotions at work. Clearly, we attract very capable volunteers. Thank you both for the help you have given and will continue to give to our Community of VVCA-Grosvenor.
- I would like to thank Roger and Ted. Ted, aka ataxman, has worked tirelessly as our social coordinator for many years. You will remember his sense of fun from his times as MC at our social functions. Or, if you read

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#### President's Report continued



Raoul Wallenberg park, as of last month. Contractor Mark Bobyn made good use of the beautiful October weather and managed to complete the project before the snow fell. Only the new sod will need to be watered in the spring.

the wacky comments in our minutes, from his time as secretary. Ted also gives his time for the community gardens. Thanks Ted for all your work!

Roger is our website person, at least that is how I think we roped him into our Association. He has grown to be much more than this. Presently he is one of our representatives for the Albert Rec Unit park improvement and also our newsletter editor - thanks Roger!

- We have a new resident family who are rapidly making themselves indispensable to the association, Diane and Fredy. Diane is our new secretary while Fredy is our hands on guy for jobs around the community.
- You will remember from previous newsletters that Varsity View Community Association

initiated the drive (probably not the correct word) for an expansion of the residential parking zone. Joanne spearheaded this campaign; Rene and numerous others went door to door collecting signatures for the petitions. Our request to have the VVCA Residential Parking Zone increased was approved by council and this fall the signs went up! Elsewhere in this issue you will see that the issue of parking around President Murray Park has also been addressed. Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort.

I know I have missed many who have helped, thank you all.

To all our residents, enjoy your Christmas and best wishes for the New Year,

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### **Indoor Coordinators News**

HELLO EVERYONE! I hope everyone had a wonderful healthy happy holiday season! Time to think about what you want to do while we are in the winter mode and staying inside staying warm sometimes overtakes us!

I am putting the art class in again on Wednesday nights! The instructor I have lined up has so many new ideas to share!! Hope we get some participants!!

Jazzersize has taken on a new name! Shine Dance Fitness, with same instructor! It is a Dance Fitness class rooted in traditional dance such as JAZZ, HIPHOP, and BALLET. We take those foundational moves and create dance routines that are easy enough for beginners yet challenging enough for the more seasoned dancer! The simplicity of the routines allows you to keep moving and do less thinking! Because we like to keep you moving the average calories burned is 750! Not bad for a workout that feels like a dance party!!

A reminder soccer and basketball registration is all online!!

Hope to see you at registration!

If you would like us to try an activity and we don't have it let me know, always looking for new programs to spark the enthusiasm!!

-Barb

In person program sign-up will be held on **Tuesday, January 8 & Thursday, January 10, 2019** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Brunskill School Multi-Purpose Room,
101 Wiggins Ave North

## **Recycle for VVCA**

DO YOU LIKE TO COLLECT POP CANS and bottles for recycling? Do you like to donate to worthy causes?

Now you can do both! Drop off your recyclable containers at any Saskatoon SARCAN location and either tell them to put your refund toward "VVCA" or use the Drop & Go system with the group account "VVCA". Your refund will be directed to VVCA and then used for community projects in our neighbourhood.

With Drop & Go there is no waiting in line. Just punch your account into the terminal, tag your bags with the sticky labels generated and then drop your bags off at the counter. Easy.

Drop & Go is a new service that SARCAN is offering at our larger depots in cities and towns across Saskatchewan. When the line gets long, Drop & Go is an easy way to drop off your containers without having to wait.



#### Please Note:

- No hockey sticks, pucks, balls, etc. allowed during public skating.
- Use this facility at your own risk!
- We recommend wearing protective equipment to prevent injury.
- We need your help in keeping our rink safe for our community, so please report any maintenance/safety concerns and incidents.
- Report any vandalism to the Police.
- Public skating time periods may be cancelled when the wind chill factor is greater than 1800 and/or -26 degrees Celsius.

Your community rink is operated and maintained using volunteer labour and community funds. Please lend a hand to keep it operational and respect all participants and volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Saskatoon Community Development Branch at 306-975-3378.

## Your Yearly Collection Calendar is Going Paperless for 2019

GET YOUR CALENDAR the way you want it: search your home address for a printable calendar or add it to your electronic calendar applications, such as Outlook, iCal or Google. Need help? Call the City of Saskatoon customer service centre at 306-975-2486 or email <code>csc@saskatoon.ca</code>. The City will even send you reminders via email, phone, text message, Twitter or with the Saskatoon Recycle & Waste app on Google Play or the App Store.

City of Saskatoon website: saskatoon.ca/collectioncalendar



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#### **Upcoming VVCA Events:**

VVCA Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Brunskill School Library. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

March 2019: Spring program registration
April 2019: Annual WCA social and fundraiser
April 2019: WCA Annual General Meeting

May 2019: Annual Community Clean-Up

Watch the website and future newsletters for more details

# Varsity View Residential Parking around President Murray Park

New Parking restrictions are planned for streets bordering President Murray Park. The restrictions will limit parking to **2 Hours, Monday to Friday 08:00-17:00** and are being implemented as part of the approved Local Area Plan, to assist in reducing traffic and facilitate access to the Park. The changes are expected to be implemented over the next several weeks.



The parking restrictions are separate from the Residential Parking Permit program in place in the neighbourhood. Parking permits issued under the Residential Parking Program will not be valid on the block faces directly abutting President Murray Park and all vehicles will be subject to the posted parking restrictions.

# Blockage of Traffic by Delivery Trucks – A Growing Problem

A GOOGLE SEARCH QUICKLY SHOWS how big the problem of delivery trucks blocking streets in residential neighborhoods in Canada is becoming – including Saskatoon. It is getting worse with ever increasing deliveries from internet companies such as Amazon and increasing density of urban development. Some suggest a lack of coordination by city planning departments permits increased density without addressing effective off street loading zones.

Unfortunately, Saskatoon's outdated traffic bylaw gives an exception allowing delivery vehicles to arbitrarily unload on city streets instead of on the property they are delivering to. Plus, inadequate zoning bylaws fail to ensure adequate loading spots are available. The predictable result is blocked traffic, a problem that is only likely to worsen as internet purchases increase.

VVCA/Grosvenor Park recently explored the problem of delivery truck laneway blockage behind Grosvenor Park Shopping Centre. This affects several hundred residents who depend on the laneway for getting in and out to work, as well blockage of access transit and emergency services.

A solution is to update the traffic bylaw to stop blanket exemption for unloading of delivery trucks on city streets and for city planning to incorporate effective adequate loading/service zones in development site plans.

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Seedy Saturday

Seed Exchange and Eco-Fair

March 9, 2019 - 10am to 3pm **Station 20 West (1120 20th St. W)** 

Admission \$2 - (free for children and Students)

Break Your Winter Dormancy and Usher in Spring!

Join Chep Good Food for our 21st Annual Seedy Saturday - Seed Exchange and Eco-fair! Bring the entire family to swap seeds, shop

over 25 vendors of natural and local goods, enjoy live music, children's activities, participate in round table garden chats with Community Gardeners, and much more!

Mark your calendars!





### **School Zones - Drive Safely**

DRIVERS ARE REMINDED that reduced speed limits in elementary and secondary school zones are in effect starting at the beginning of September until the end of June.

The maximum speed limit in a school zone is 30 kph to give motorists and pedestrians more time to react in an unexpected situation.

- The 30 kph speed limit is in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, September to June (including statutory holidays).
- · School zones are marked by reflective, fluorescent yellowgreen signs.
- School zones begin at the 30 kph sign.
- School zones end at a posted speed limit sign indicating a greater speed limit (normally 50 kph).
- The penalty for speeding in a school zone is the same as any other speeding offence. You would be fined for the offence and penalized three SGI demerit points.

Please drive carefully and keep our streets and children safe!

## City of Saskatoon **Councillor Cynthia Block**

Season's Greetings, Varsity View residents -

CITY COUNCIL has had a busy fall with some big decisions regarding our waste system.

Council approved a curbside organics program that is slated to start in 2020. It's part of an overall plan to make our waste system financially and environmentally sustainable. 60% of what goes to the landfill is organic, and replacing the landfill is expensive. The biweekly green cart service is expected to improve diversion rates and save costs in the long



Council voted to put the black cart program onto the utility bill, which would also be rolled out in 2020. The purpose is to increase diversion by giving residents a choice in cart sizes. How much you pay would depend on the cart size chosen. However, this could change. At the time of writing, there is a motion to revisit this decision.

Council approved a 4.4% property tax increase for 2019. 3.16% was needed to maintain current services. Saskatoon Police Service received an increase to address rising crime due to drugs, and the City is investing in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP). The digital system that integrates processes and data across the corporation, is expected to increase efficiency and save millions of dollars once fully implemented.

One further note, Council approved a plan to improve snow and ice service on residential streets near major roadways, as these areas take on additional traffic and parked vehicles.

Planning continues for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and Council is expected to make some decisions about routing in 2019. In Varsity View, the BRT is anticipated to run on College Drive and Preston Avenue.

As the holiday season is upon us, I am grateful for many things, including the privilege of representing you at City Hall. I offer special thanks to the volunteers with the VV Community Association, who work tirelessly to support the neighbourhood.

I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and all the best in 2019.

Sincerely,

Cynthia

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## Raoul Wallenberg Park - Update

Members of VVCA have been working alongside Congregation Agudas Israel over the past few years to bring an under-utilized corner of Raoul Wallenberg Park to new life. The project includes a meditative walking path, decorative garden and memorial tree.

Construction began this fall and is now complete! The contractor was able to complete the project before the snow, but the newly sodded areas will need to be fenced off and watered in the spring.

Because of the intricate work of the pebble sourcing and placing, the project ran slightly over budget. Our annual Spring Social & Fundraiser will be dedicated to raising the required remianing funds for this beautiful project - watch for further details soon on the Spring Social!

Thank you to Mark Prebble of VVCA for heading this initiative, and to Mark Bobyn for tackling the contractor work! We all look forward to enjoying this revitalized corner of our neighbourhood.

Raoul Wallenberg Park is located at 10th Street East and Munroe Avenue, adjacent the Congregation Agudas Israel synagogue.







## **Big Plans for a Little Park - Update**

Albert Recreation Unit park rejuvenation - SPRING 2019!

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have donated time and money and shown your enthusiastic support for your little park.

We have been having productive meetings this fall and are scheduled to meet again late December to finalize our plans and budgets for the park project. Once that is done, the plans will be submitted to the City of Saskatoon in February for department approvals. If all goes well and the project is approved, construction should begin spring 2019 and coordinate with planned City work on the park's irrigation and sprinkler system. We wish the park to be complete and ready well before summer programs begin. Thank you to Jim Siemens of Oxbow Architecture and Chris Popplewell at Strata Developments for their professional assistance, and to supporters City of Saskatoon, the Community Initiatives Fund, Nutana Community Association, Varsity View Community Association and, of course, you!

While plans have been scaled back from the original vision for the park, the overall goal is still to remove the large asphalt pad to make the park into a more welcoming grassed area surrounding a basketball half-court. If funds permit, new trees and rocks may be added to boost the natural play elements.

With the new play equipment installed last fall by the City of Saskatoon with a Canada 150 grant, the park is already seeing increased use and enjoyment by residents. The committee hopes

to build on that success and continue to make the park a favourite destination for all in the neighbourhood.

Please help make your park a big success! Donations will be accepted until end of December 2018 with tax receipts issued by the City of Saskatoon.

facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/

https://nutana.ca/about-our-fundraising-for-the-albert-rec-unit/

Online donations can be made at: nutana.ca/

Donations can also be made by cheque. IMPORTANT: Please make cheques payable to: City of Saskatoon. Mark the cheque with "Albert Rec Unit".

Mail your donation to: Nutana Community Association, c/o École Victoria School, 639 Broadway Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1B2

Thank you for making your little park a BIG success!



## **High Rise at College and Clarence**

THE VARSITY VIEW-GROSVENOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, together with our residents, has spent hundreds of hours developing an understanding of what this means for our community and what our position should be..

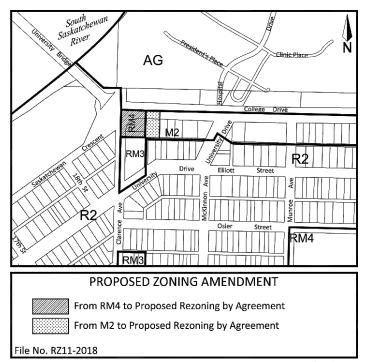
For those who have not heard the site is South East corner of College and Clarence. The corner is presently zoned for a mixture of 4 and 3 storey residential use with a 6 metre setback from College. The proposal is for a non-conforming 12 storey building with a 2.1 metre setback.

The City is only obligated to let residents within 75 m of the new building know about the change in zoning. This is woefully inadequate. The Grosvenor-VVCA board gave up evening and weekend time to distribute the better part of a thousand extra flyers to residents.

The information presented at the September 13 public meeting was incomplete. The reduced setback was not highlighted, and, in consequence, its implications were not discussed. Other aspects were disingenuous. Residents had concerns regarding traffic flow. In response, the expert stated that the new high rise would result in minimal additional delay for a vehicle crossing the College-Clarence intersection at rush hour. This is correct but has no bearing on travel time, which is the residents' concern. Think of being in a queue at the supermarket, when the supermarket gets busier your time with the cashier does not change. However, the length of the queue changes, this determines how long it will take you to get out of the store. A final problem is that while many experts were on hand at the meeting, there was insufficient time to answer all concerns and no opportunity to view the experts reports after the meeting.

Based on the vote at the meeting (19 against, 1 in favor and 14 abstentions) and considerable further correspondence with the City planning department the Community Association is against this non-conforming development for these reasons:

- Inadequate consultation (see above).
- Potential adverse affects on parking. The current zoning requirements for visitor parking seem low. Residents around other high rises report increased parking problems because visitors cannot gain access to the spots reserved for them.
- The reduced setback limits future road improvements to College. The road immediately in front of the proposed high-rise is one of the few parts of College that will be reduced to two lanes by the new BRT routes.
- Residents report increased flooding in our neighborhood following storms. The City informs us that this will not be a problem because storm water from the roof, driveways, and paved surfaces will be collected and slowly run into the storm drains. As we are not aware of other developments in Varsity View where water from driveways is collected, we doubt that the developer will agree to this requirement.
- The ability of City water supply, sewer services, parks, and schools to absorb the additional demands of this building and the demands of conforming development that is already approved are unknown. Brunskill School is at capacity. It is unclear how the City/School Board will address the additional needs that densification brings.
- The high rise sits at the gateway to our community. It will have a negative affect on the single-family homes in the vicinity. Some of these have hundreds of thousands, or maybe millions, of investment. They anchor our neighborhood.
  - High density housing decreases cohesion and increases crime.



Source: City of Saskatoon

This is particularly true for the mix of high-density housing and low income groups (who do you think lives in high rises once they lose their new sheen?). Some developers suggest it is particularly true for residents who live more than 6 floors from the ground – they no longer feel part of the community and so are less inclined to help look after it.

- There is an abrupt transition from this high rise to single detached dwellings which is contrary to Saskatoon's Official Community Plan.
- Although everyone denies this, approving a non-conforming high rise will set a precedent for our entire neighborhood. Prior to this proposal 2 to 4 storey buildings were planned for College. If a high rise gets approved our entire neighborhood could get similar additions. Another high rise is proposed for Cumberland and 8th. It is impossible to believe assurances about future development if Council does not respect its own zoning policies.

I am going to finish with a quote from the Hemson report, the bible for Saskatoon's developers. Regarding infill: "where existing infrastructure capacity is insufficient, the cost of new infrastructure can be very high". Unfortunately, the considerable densification that has already happened in Varsity View occurred in parallel with ever increasing taxes. It is unreasonable that we should pay more for development that detracts from our community.

Okay, maybe not finished. Firstly, your board is not against densification. We are against *non-conforming* densification. We believe in planning and zoning so that we can predict problems and manage the outcomes.

Finally, it is very important that you let your councillor know where you stand. We will only sway council if we are united on non-conforming development. Write or email Coucillor Cynthia Block with your views.

## **VVCA Winter 2019 Programs Registration**

Tuesday, January 8 & Tuesday, January 10, 2019

In person program sign-up will be held on **Tuesday, January 8 & Thursday, January 10, 2019** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Brunskill School Multi-Purpose Room, 101 Wiggins Ave North. A non-refundable membership fee of \$10 per individual or \$20 per family per year is required to participate in programs. **A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations.** WCA honours other community association memberships. Programs may change – please visit *vvcasaskatoon.com* closer to registration dates for final program details. In an effort to ensure everyone who wants to participate can, **cost-as-a-barrier assistance is available** for those facing hardships. To inquire, please contact Barb (Email: blgiles@sasktel.net) or inquire with any volunteer on registration night. All inquiries are confidential.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	START & END DATE	COST
ALL AGES					
Tae Kwon Do - Beginner (6 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	06:30 PM - 07:15 PM	W&F	Jan. 11 - Mar. 27	\$85
Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate (8 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	07:15 PM - 08:00 PM	W&F	Jan. 11 - Mar. 27	\$125
Tae Kwon Do - Advanced (10 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W&F	Jan. 11 - Mar. 27	\$150
ADULT					
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Tu	Jan. 15 - Mar. 26	\$45
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Th	Jan. 17 - Mar. 28	\$45
Conversational Spanish Beginner	Brunskill - Library	06:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Tu	Jan. 15 - Mar. 26	\$110
Conversational Spanish Intermediate	Brunskill - Library	07:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Tu	Jan. 15 - Mar. 26	\$110
Shine Dance Fitness	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Tu	Jan. 15 - Mar. 26	\$75
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	М	Jan. 14 - Apr. 08	\$110
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	W	Jan. 16 - Mar. 27	\$110
Yoga - gentle, restorative, beginner	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Th	Jan. 17 - Mar. 28	\$110
CHILDREN					
Exploration in Art for Children (5-8)	Brunskill - Art Room	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	W	Jan. 16 - Mar. 27	\$50
PRESCHOOL					
Tae Kwon Do - Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	W	Jan. 16 - Mar. 13	\$50
Tae Kwon Do - Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	F	Jan. 11 - Mar. 8	\$50
SOCCER & BASKETBALL					
Soccer U5, U7, U9, U11	ON-LINE ONLY, SPRING 2019, TBA - watch newsletter and website vvcasaskatoon.com for details				
Basketball (6-14)	ON-LINE ONLY, SPRING 2019, TBA - watch newsletter and website vvcasaskatoon.com for details				

#### We must once again stress the importance of safety before and after programming.

It is imperative that parents accompany their children to and from their registered programs. If children arrive early they MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian until the class begins. Unexpected class cancellations could leave children stranded if they are simply dropped off. Children must be picked up promptly after class. Instructors are responsible for teaching participants DURING class only.

Remember that WCA is sensitive to the needs of families facing financial hardships, and may partially fund, or fully fund participation fees in various activities. Subsidization is only to cover the cost of programs and will not include membership in WCA. Please contact one of us at registration night. We are more than willing to be of assistance in a very confidential manner. In addition, assistance may be available through KidSport.

To inquire, please contact Barb Giles (Email: blgiles@sasktel.net) or inquire with any volunteer on registration night. All inquiries are confidential.

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